

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 1-34. Claims 9-11 have been amended to depend on claim 5, and claims 5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 23, 24, 28-30 and 33 have been amended to improve their form. The Specification has also been amended to remove reference to the claims. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

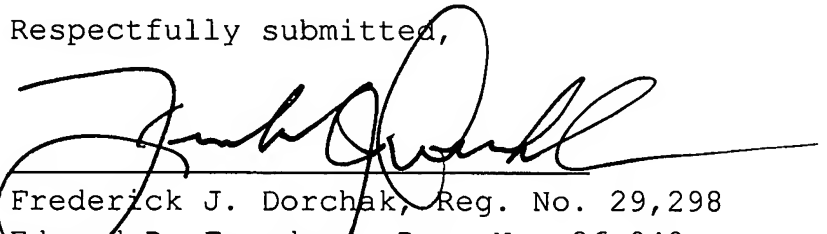
The Specification was objected to as referring to claims. In response, Applicant has amended the Specification to correct this informality which, it is respectfully submitted, overcomes the Examiner's objection to the Specification on this basis.

Claims 7, 9-17, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as failing to conform with U.S. practice for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. In response, Applicant has, *inter alia*, amended claims 5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 23, 24, 28-30 and 33 to improve their form, and has amended claims 9-11 to depend on claim 5. It is respectfully submitted that all currently pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn.

As the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6, 8, 18-21, 25-28, 31, 32 and 34 have been allowed, and that claims 7, 9-17, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 33 would be allowed if re-written to overcome the objections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action, which have been corrected by the amendments herein, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 5, 7-12, 15, 16, 23, 24, 28-30 and 33 have been amended, along with the Specification. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

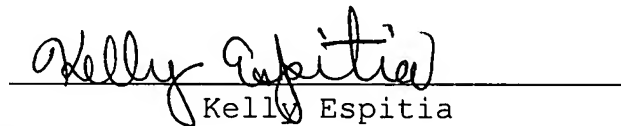


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